

David Riesman

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Men are created different; they lose their social freedom and their individual autonomy in seeking to become like each other.

~David Riesman

Words not only affect us temporarily; they change us, they socialize or unsocialize us.

~David Riesman

Nowadays, truth is the greatest news. The mass media are the wholesalers, the peer groups, the retailers of the communications industry.

~David Riesman

Etiquette can be at the same time a means of approaching people and of staying clear of them.

~David Riesman

The media, far from being a conspiracy to dull the political sense of the people, could be viewed as a conspiracy to disguise the extent of political indifference.

~David Riesman

If you want to get out of medicine the fullest enjoyment, be students all your lives.

~David Riesman

America is not only big and rich, it is mysterious; and its capacity for the humorous or ironical concealment of its interests matches that of the legendary inscrutable Chinese.

~David Riesman

Those who are excluded from meaningful work are, by an large, excluded from meaningful play.

~David Riesman

Why, I ask, isn't it possible that advertising as a whole is a fantastic fraud, presenting an image of America taken seriously by no one, least of all by the advertising men who create it?

~David Riesman

There is evidence that young men in the big law firms, although they still work harder than most of their clients, do not glory in putting in night work and weekend hours as they once did.

~David Riesman

If anything remains more or less unchanged, it will be the role of women.

~David Riesman

Look at all the sentences which seem true and question them.

~David Riesman

It is among the less privileged groups relatively new to leisure and consumption that the zest for possessions retains something of its pristine energy.

~David Riesman

Drivers in a traffic jam, frustrated by each others presence, are not the most amiable of men.

~David Riesman

Though top executives may work as hard as ever-in part perhaps because, being trained in an earlier day, they can hardly help doing so-their subordinates are somewhat less work-minded.

~David Riesman

The closest thing we have to the traditional ideology of the leisure class is a group of artists and intellectuals who regard their work as play and their play as work.

~David Riesman

There has been a change in heroes within the working-class community

~David Riesman

Mass entertainment in America has been dominated for a long time by the mode of documentary realism.

~David Riesman

Today the future occupation of all moppets is to be skilled consumers.

~David Riesman

It is no longer clear which way is up even if one wants to rise.

~David Riesman

The modern suburb is the product of the car, the five-day week, and the "bankers' hours" of the masses.

~David Riesman

Social Science â€¦ led us to the fallacy that, since all men have their being in culture and as a result of culture, they owe a debt to that culture which even a lifetime of altruism could not repay.

~David Riesman

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